

WORLD BRIEFS

Shuttle Date Upsets Rocket Engineers

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — A space agency deadline to redesign the shuttle rocket booster in time for a proposed July 1987 launch has created the same pressure that led to the Challenger disaster, say engineers with the rocket maker, Morton Thiokol.

The projected deadline means "concern for safety is again being tempered by schedule demands" of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, engineers in Brigham City, Utah, told the Los Angeles Times on condition their names not be used.

"The schedule seems to be driving us into early commitments to make decisions," said one engineer in an article Sunday. "They are trying to turn around quickly just so they'll be able to show everyone that the Challenger in flames in January, can be improved, tested and certified, the engineers say.

Communists Gain in Cypriot Poll

NICOSIA (Reuters) — The AKEL Communist party made gains in weekend Greek Cypriot elections, winning half the mayoral posts at stake and almost as many municipal council seats as the rightist Democratic Rally Party, final results showed Monday.

The poll Sunday in the Greek Cypriot sector of the island was for 18 mayors and 228 municipal councilors. Nine AKEL candidates were elected mayors and 70 won council seats. But AKEL failed to unseat the mayor of Nicosia, Lefter Demetriades, an independent backed by all the other parties.

The Rally Party won 73 council seats but only five mayoral posts. President Spyros Kyprianou's ruling Democratic Party won 11 AKEL candidates were elected mayor. Three independents were elected mayors and six won council seats.

Allies and Bonn Discuss Berlin Curb

BONN (AFP) — Officials from the U.S., French and British embassies met Monday with West German Foreign Ministry representatives to discuss a response to East Germany's order that diplomats from the four countries show passports when traveling between East Berlin and West Berlin.

The U.S., French and British embassies in East Berlin sent back a note received May 22, diplomatic sources here said. Berlin has special status under four-power agreement after World War II.

In Berlin, East German officials prevented some West German envoys from crossing to the eastern sector when they refused to show their passports, diplomatic sources said. The West Germans showed only the pass required until now. No French, U.S. or British diplomats were stopped at the crossing points, the sources said.

Prisoner Escapes by Copter in Paris

PARIS (Reuters) — A gangster serving an 18-year prison sentence escaped by helicopter from La Santé prison here Monday. The police said the helicopter was piloted by a woman.

Michel Vanjouis, 35, was waiting on the prison roof when the helicopter arrived. A second prisoner climbed a rope to the roof with Mr. Vanjouis but failed to get aboard the craft.

The police said the helicopter was hired in the southwestern suburb of Saint Cyr on Monday by a woman accompanied by a man, and that both were about 30 years old. The craft landed at a football field soon after picking up the prisoner.

Nigerian Students Protest 15 Deaths

LAGOS (AP) — University students across Nigeria began strikes Monday after the police at northern university shot and killed 15 persons at a campus demonstration.

Four students were killed in the unrest Friday and 11 died of their wounds over the weekend, doctors said Monday. The demonstration at the Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria was against a new policy of banning visits by men students to the dormitories of women students, newspaper reports said.

For the Record

A bomb exploded in Christian east Beirut Monday while, in the Moslem western sector, Palestinian guerrillas and Shiite Moslem forces fought gun battles. The police reported that four people were killed and 40 wounded in the day's violence.

Afghanistan and Pakistan made progress in the latest round of U.N.-sponsored talks, but disagree on how long it should take Soviet troops to withdraw from Afghanistan, Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan said in Islamabad on Monday. The talks, which began in Geneva on July 5 and resumed last week, are to resume on July 30.

Pakistan's National Assembly ousted its speaker, Fakhrul Islam, on Monday, when it passed a no-confidence motion and ended a crisis that began when Mr. Islam ruled valid a motion to unseat Prime Minister Muhammad Khan Jurgoo because he allegedly violated the law by joining a political party before it was officially registered.

About 1,000 doctors in Peru called a seven-week work stoppage Monday, returning to work at state hospitals, labor leaders said. The strike ended after President Alan Garcia pledged to draft a law providing automatic cost-of-living increases for doctors.

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East-West Talks Close on Angry Note

United Press International

BERN — A 35-nation conference on improving East-West human contacts drew to an angry close Monday after the Soviet bloc rejected any meaningful easing of emigration and travel restrictions.

The six-week meeting had been convened to promote implementation of the Helsinki accords on European security and human rights.

Let by the United States, Western nations called for, among other things, the abolition of exit visas for Soviet Jews and other East bloc citizens wanting to join their families in the West.

They also proposed travel for people on both sides, especially to visit elderly or ailing relatives and in cases of death.

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U.S. Soldier Faints at Award Ceremony Held in West Berlin

An American soldier fainted Monday after being awarded the Purple Heart at U.S. military headquarters in West Berlin. The award was given to more than 30 soldiers who were injured when a bomb exploded at the La Belle discotheque in the city on April 5. The medal is presented to U.S. military personnel who are hurt or killed as a result of hostile actions against U.S. interests.

Vietnam Vets Find Tense Haven in Florida

New York Times Service

POMPANO BEACH, Florida — It is mid-morning under a sweltering sun and a dozen Vietnam veterans living in the bush are working on their second case of beer.

Tattooed, bearded and thin, the men in the camp are the nucleus of a group of more than 40, most of them veterans of the Vietnam War, others simply drifters, who have spontaneously made their home in a dense patch of tropical trees here for the past five years. They call it "the jungle."

Some of the veterans give no details about their past or of their roles and ranks in Vietnam, or even their real names. But Vietnam haunts their lives. They say they even have an enemy: the Broward County Sheriff's Office, whose officers occasionally clear the men and their ramshackle huts from the woods. Officers say the woodsmen sometimes resort to shoplifting from businesses nearby.

The woodsmen have also drawn the anger of people who live nearby. Residents of the nearby high-rise neighborhood say the men sometimes take garbage to their homes and that the fringes of the 10-acre woods are strewn with garbage.

Recently, two of the sheds burned down. Sheriff's deputies say it was a brush fire. The woodsmen say it was arson.

On Monday night, according to the woodsmen, a group of local vigilantes wielding shotguns ran through the woods, although no shots were fired. "Easy picking," a woodsmen said he heard one of the intruders say.

George Collins, public information officer for the sheriff's office, said: "There are some of those local licks in the area and some of them do have firearms, and there's no telling what they might do. That's why we're eager to get the campers out of there and clean the place up."

Earlier this month, the Broward County Commission voted to find shelter for the men and provide them with medical assistance. Officials review conference beginning in Vietnam in November.

However, the leader of the U.S. delegation, Michael Novak, said that it was better to have nothing at all than a document lacking any significant measures.

Measures proposed by the communist document included easing administrative procedures for family reunification and visits, eliminating mail and telephone interference, and greater contacts between religious communities.

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Reagan Praises American War Dead

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Virginia — President Ronald Reagan paid tribute Monday at Arlington National Cemetery to the 1.2 million men and women who died in U.S. wars, including Vietnam veterans who fought "without enough support from home."

In a Memorial Day speech, Mr. Reagan said, "Today is the day we set aside to remember fallen heroes and to pray that no heroes will ever have to die for us again."

He went on to say, "They were quite a group, the boys of Vietnam, boys who fought a terrible and vicious war without enough support from home, boys who were dodging bullets while we debated the efficacy of the battle."

He said they plan to have all the men out of the woods within six months and then run the camps, which they call a fire hazard. The men, many of whom admit they have alcohol and emotional problems, acknowledge they need help. "Who wants to say here for ever?" asked James Yokoy, 52, a Korean War veteran who has lived in the woods for more than 20 years. "I realize we're a nuisance, an eyesore."

The men emphasize that their main reason for living in the woods is the camaraderie and trust between them. "These are my brothers," said Ernie Cohen, 52, and "I'm not leaving without them."

The woodsmen say that local veterans groups have offered them weapons but that they turned them down. Now, however, the men have set up a watch to guard against intruders.

"We're not out here playing Rambo in the woods," said one who identified himself as T.C. "People here just gave up on us. We're not giving up on ourselves."

Vietnam vets are square pegs in round holes. Just can't fit back in. In the past year, law enforcement officers say, five of the men from the camps have walked onto the railroad tracks that parallel the camp's western edge and "kissed the train," perforce for committing suicide. The most recent death occurred April 26. The victim, a man, veteran, had not served in Vietnam. The campers are still wearing stained black anoraks.

Similarly reclusive veterans have been found living in remote areas of the Pacific Northwest and Hawaii, although the Veterans' Administration says it has no information on how many.

Here, in an unincorporated area of Broward County a few miles north of Fort Lauderdale, the men admit strangers to their camp but insist on escorting them in and out.

Huts are made of plywood, with pieces of clear plastic for windows and furniture salvaged from dumps. A hose attached to a fire hydrant, placed there in case of brush fires, never as a shower. There is a low-slung hut called the Honeymoon Suite for men who have female visitors.

A pit 15 feet (4.5 meters) deep, called a "Charlie Hole" after the pits used by the Viet Cong guerrillas in Vietnam, is filling up with discarded beer cans. Eventually, the men have decided, the cans will be cashed in and the money given to the annual military dysphoria drive.

At their primary source of cash, the men get temporary jobs at construction sites or with trucking or storage concerns. But work is not always available. A veteran who calls himself Jack O'Diamonds said his blood until his right arm became infected. "I got that from living in the jungle," he said.

A privately owned employment agency, Labor Force, across the Florida East Coast Railway tracks, is one source of jobs. When the woodsmen do decide to work, said Alvin Robinson, manager of the agency: "They're great workers. The customers come back and say, 'The guys don't look too good, but they work like a team of guns.'"

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Proposed Security Trial Splits Israeli Cabinet

By William Claiborne

Washington Post Service

JERUSALEM — Israel's cabinet has split sharply over a recommendation by the attorney general to prosecute the head of the secret internal security services in connection with an alleged cover-up of the deaths in 1984 of two captured Arab bus hijackers.

The 10-member "inner cabinet" of senior ministers in the coalition government held a stormy debate Sunday over the highly classified controversy, but made no decision to limit the authority of Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir in pressing the case, a senior official said Sunday.

[I understand that Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir decided to go ahead," Justice Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said in his view, "it is his right and, in his view, his duty."

Israel's military censor barred disclosure of details of the cabinet discussion and allegations made against the Shin Bet security chief.

The security chief, whose name cannot be disclosed under censorship regulations, has been under investigation by Mr. Zamir for several months for allegedly suppressing evidence and obstructing justice in the probe of the deaths of the two Palestinian hijackers after they were taken into custody in April 1984 in occupied Gaza.

The two were captured when an army commando unit stormed the hijacked bus. A soldier, a passenger on the bus, was killed in the attack and authorities said they found explosive devices planted by the Palestinian terrorists.

A major controversy erupted when the army command first announced that the two hijackers and two companions had died as a result of injuries sustained during the storming of the bus.

After an Israeli newspaper broke censorship and published a photo of two of the hijackers being led from the bus, handcuffed and with apparent injuries, the army acknowledged they had been interrogated before their deaths.

Last August, a military disciplinary board acquitted the army chief of charges of "violent behavior" and conduct unbecoming an officer in the deaths.

The board ruled that physical whippings caused by the Arab hijackers by Major General Yitzhak Mordechai with the butt of his pistol were "not unwarrantable" in light of the circumstances surrounding their interrogation. The two Arabs died of skull fractures.

The disciplinary board ruled that the interrogation, carried out in a field near the bus, was "done" in order to obtain vital and immediate information "in time to prevent injury from a bomb left on the bus."

Before the army's hearing, a special civilian investigating commission had recommended prosecution of General Mordechai, five members of the Shin Bet and three policemen who were at the scene.

After recommending that General Mordechai and the five Shin Bet agents be prosecuted, Mr. Zamir came under intense criticism from rightist members of the parliament.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres was reported by Israeli television on Sunday to have said that there was a "legitimate difference of opinion" in the cabinet over the controversy, but that "security considerations" had to be given precedence.

Cabinet sources said that ministers opposing curtailment of Mr. Zamir's intention to prosecute the Shin Bet chief included Energy Minister Moshe Shalev, Economics Minister Gad Yacobi and Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein.

More Than 500 People Feared Dead After Ferry Capsizes in Bangladesh

The Associated Press

DHAKA, Bangladesh — A double-decker river boat carrying about 1,000 people capsized and sank during a storm, and a reporter for a Bangladeshi newspaper said Monday that more than 500 people were feared dead.

The vessel sank Sunday in the Meghna River near the town of Barisal, 175 miles (about 280 kilometers) south of Dhaka.

Officials in Barisal said that rescue workers recovered 126 bodies and that many more were swept downstream. More bodies were thought to be in the murky vessel.

Two rescue vessels carried out a salvage operation.

A reporter for Ittefaq, a Bengali-language newspaper, said that at least 500 people were feared dead.

President Hussam Mohammed Ershad flew to the scene, the official BSS news agency said. A government inquiry has been ordered.

General Ershad ordered an immediate ban on the movement of double-decker ferries, BSS said.

On April 20, a double-decker ferry sank during a storm on the Dhalowari River, 10 miles south of Dhaka. Unofficial estimates put the number of dead at more than 500 in that accident.

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OPINION

Voting to Fill a Senate Seat Means More Than It Seems

By David S. Broder

WASHINGTON — Pete Domenici of New Mexico and Richard Lugar of Indiana will not be on the Senate ballot this year. Bob Dole of Kansas will, but he has no opposition in his race for re-election. These three Republicans — respectively the chairman of the Senate Budget and Foreign Relations committees and the Senate Majority Leader — constitute three of the best reasons for voting Republican in the states with Senate contests this November.

As a practical matter, they will sway few if any votes. Campaign consultants with whom I have talked are just about

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unanimous in saying that while party control of the Senate may matter a great deal to many constituents, to all politicians and political junkies and, obviously, to the president, the majority of voters could not care less.

The last thing on the mind of someone in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, is whether Senator Lugar is a better chairman of Foreign Relations than the man who would replace him if the Democrats regained the Senate majority. Senator Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island, that Idaho voter will decide between Senator Steve Symms, a Republican, and his challenger, Governor John Evans, a Democrat, on their merits or demerits.

Down in Georgia, some Democratic politicians are saying they think they can get people to vote against Senator Mack Mattingly, a Republican, by arguing that his defeat would help make the state's popular Democratic Senator, Sam Nunn, chairman of the Armed Services Committee. I am skeptical of that tactic.

In reality, American politics is so personalized and devoid of party loyalty that few voters realize they are making a double choice when they vote for a House or Senate member. They are picking their own spokesman in Washington and they are simultaneously helping decide which party will organize Congress and control its committee.

Having spent some time with Senators Dole, Domenici and Lugar, I can't help but wonder if most of us don't diminish this question of party control too casually. These three men, represent-

ative for the overall performance of the Senate and for its budget and foreign policy pundits, are of such exceptional quality that their performance ought to weigh somewhere in the calculus of voters this November.

Mr. Lugar is intellectually impressive, politically courageous, doggedly determined, yet understanding of others' views. The same qualities would be ascribed to Mr. Dole and Mr. Domenici by the majority of their colleagues in both parties. What is striking about all three is their large-mindedness, their ability to see beyond their personal ambitions and the parochial interests of their states. They approach questions as United States senators.

Mr. Lugar has demonstrated those qualities recently in persuading the Reagan administration to shift its policy in the Philippines away from Ferdinand Marcos and toward Corason Aquino, and in urging the Senate to reconsider its opposition to arms sales to Saudi Arabia. He stuck to his principles in both fights, despite the political risks. In both cases, his stance was effective and it is likely that his judgment will prevail.

Mr. Domenici has shown the same tactical skill, sound judgment and political courage repeatedly during the last five years on tough issues of budget policy, opposing the dogmatists in the administration and in both parties on Capitol Hill. Mr. Dole has stuck his neck out so often on issues ranging from civil rights to taxes that his courage has become almost a commonplace.

This is not a plea to voters to shut their eyes and vote Republican in the November Senate contests no matter what they think of the rival candidates. That would be absurd, and campaigning for anyone is not any type of work.

But a reporter can point out that when the Republicans took control of the Senate in 1981, they had had no experience in running that body and its committees for 26 years. Some in Washington predicted a shambles. It has been instead a performance of considerable distinction, orchestrated for four years by retired majority leader Howard Baker of Tennessee. In the last 16 months under Mr. Dole, it has got even better, for he has a useful knack for pulling legislative rabbits out of his hat.

Note of this may be relevant to the campaigns this fall. But it is not insignificant for the well-being of the United States or for the judgment that history will make on this era.

The Washington Post.



Those Russians are SUCH slob!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Matter of Arms Control

The next time President Reagan calls on the nations of the world to help him reduce terrorism, he might ask them to explain the virtues of gun control to him.

LELA SNOW,

Bologna, Italy.

Quite simply, bias exists against the National Rifle Association because the NRA's position is stupid. The United States has a murder rate roughly 10 times that of civilized countries, and there is not a shred of doubt but that this situation arises in large part due to the easy availability of guns.

W.F. SMYTH,

Bentley, Australia.

Arab History Repeated?

In response to the report "Anti-Arab Feeling Surfaces in Congress" (May 10):

It seems that the terms "terrorism" and "Arab" are being increasingly and willfully equated, and that this is affecting Western attitudes toward the Arab nations. These stereotypes are reminiscent of the 16th and 17th centuries.

Chernobyl: A False Parallel

Regarding "Unpublished Radiation on the March" (May 14) by Walter Pincus: The presumed argument is that U.S. reluctance to come clean with the consequences of a hydrogen bomb explosion in 1954 in the Marshall Islands shows that America is no better than the Soviet Union when it comes to openness on matters of importance to neighbors.

The 1954 explosion was the work of the military, not a civilian power plant; the Arabs are being treated as the scum of the Earth. So were the Prophet Mohammed and his companions in pre-Islamic Arabia. It enabled them to become a great civilization.

FADI K. AGHA,

Lugano, Switzerland.

Regarding Mary Davis Suro's article "A Sink Over McDonald's" (May 10), the ill of Rome did not start with McDonald's. The restaurant is no more questionable than lots of other things that have been around for a long time. It is popular, especially with the young. There are few other places where they can meet and sit and enjoy themselves in the evening, especially in bad weather, in a wholesome atmosphere without spending a lot of money. It also gives an impressive number of young people gainful employment. The overwhelming majority of patrons are Romans.

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A Novel Hangout in Rome

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ROBERT A. HAGAN,

Rome.

Blindness Has No Borders; We Were Welcome All Over

By Oliver Foot

NEW YORK — Human beings live with the remarkable paradox that, at the same time and in the same place, conflict and destruction can coexist with harmony and constructive achievement. Where war is threatened and waged and negotiations crumble, peaceful but less publicized cooperation continues.

Two days after the American attack on Libya, our specialized crew of doctors, nurses, technicians, engineers and pilots boarded Project ORBIS's DC-8

MEANWHILE

jet (donated by United Airlines) as Alexandria in Egypt. We had completed a three-week program there, restoring sight to Egyptian blind people and sharing surgical skills and information with Egyptian eye doctors.

Preoccupied for the past two days with the U.S. raids on Tripoli and Benghazi and the threat of an uprising by an Islamic faction in Egypt, I admit to being slightly apprehensive as we flew to Malta, watching the Libyan coast in the distance. Two hours later we arrived in Malta, where three weeks earlier we had carried out a program with Maltese eye doctors. This time Malta was a first refueling stop — en route to our next program in Kingston, Jamaica.

From Jan. 25 to April 19, Project ORBIS had conducted three-week programs in Iraq, Jordan, Malta and Egypt. Working in a region noted in the West for conflict, terrorism and fear, we met only cooperation and friendship.

While we were in Baghdad working alongside Iraqi doctors, Iran launched a major offensive against Iraq. Near the end of our stay in Jordan, where we worked with Palestinian and Jordanian doctors, rioting by police before us in Egypt forced us to switch Egypt and Malta on our schedule. Before our departure from Malta, the U.S.-Libyan conflict escalated and we watched the American fleet heading toward Libya as we flew to Egypt. After arriving in Egypt, a bomb on a TWA jet in Cairo killed four passengers. We had two days left in Egypt when Tripoli was bombed.

Back home, relatives and friends were worried about our safety. We were advised to leave Egypt immediately, but we resolved to complete the program.

This is not to say that we were never concerned for our safety. Terrorism has become an international preoccupation and ORBIS was highly visible. Furthermore, we were in countries where we

witnessed daily the impact of conflict and war on the lives of ordinary people. Every armed guard, every security checkpoint, the wounded soldiers we operated on in Iraq — all were constant reminders of tension and violence.

En route to Kingston, I reflected on how our group had been accepted in every country, cutting across every boundary and barrier. This was because we did not lose sight of our common objective: to combat world blindness. This is the core of the ORBIS philosophy: to share our plane, our people and our skills with the communities we visit. This always leads to peaceful cooperation. Blindness knows no boundaries.

It is easy for ordinary Americans and other Westerners to become negative and pessimistic toward the Middle East, especially given the turmoil which dominates the region and the widespread misconceptions regarding the Arab world. Our visit there showed us a warm and friendly people who, given the choice, would opt for peaceful resolution and the right to pursue their daily lives untroubled by violence.

In the three-month program, about 200 people had their sight restored on board the ORBIS aircraft. More important, some 350 Iraqi, Jordanian, Maltese, Palestinian and Egyptian doctors shared skills and knowledge with ORBIS volunteer doctors from the United States, Canada, England, France, Iran, Lebanon and Jamaica, of Christian, Jewish and Moslem backgrounds.

Admittedly, these are small achievements in the face of the huge problems presented by blindness in the world. But the support from political leaders was extraordinary: President Saddam Hussein of Iraq welcomed us, providing extra security and hospitality; King Hussein and Queen Noor of Jordan invited ORBIS to their country for a second time; President Agatha Barbara of Malta supported our place and pledged her eyes in an effort to stimulate the public's support of eye banking; the Egyptian authorities and people welcomed us at the height of U.S.-Arab tensions.

Similar welcomes have been experienced by Project ORBIS in 40 countries. This experience presents us with a certain hope that international cooperation and communication can succeed.

The writer is executive director of Project ORBIS, an independent, nonprofit organization committed to fighting blindness. He contributed this column to the International Herald Tribune.

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Monte Carlo — The much-touted launching of Maxim's des Mers, a floating franchise of the Paris restaurant, turned into an unfortunate no-show.

It started out fine. On Friday, Pierre Cardin chartered two jets to take 60 guests to Monte Carlo, where the boat was to be christened by Princess Caroline that afternoon. Prince Rainier, who is reportedly fond of boats, was going to join the party for a black-tie dinner. All the women got purple Maxim's orchids, the line-up of limousines was a mile long and everybody was anxious to see what a floating Belle Époque palace would look like.

Things fell apart when the boat, which left Toulon the same day the guests flew from Paris, blew a motor and had to go back. At this point, Princess Caroline (who is very pregnant) cancelled her appearance and Prince Rainier did not show up either. The rest of the troops, led by Cardin, had no choice but to go back to the black-tie dinner for 150 still took place on the roof of the Hotel de Ville. But the party was very much off-key, especially when, to the sound of Maxim's violins, the waiter brought out a huge cake in the shape of the missing Maxim's des Mers.

The real one, meanwhile, is still at the Toulon docks, and it is hoped that repairs will be completed in the next few days so that the vessel can be safely put out to sea.

Among the guests was Esther Williams, who flew in for the first cruise. Asked what she was doing here, she said: "I met Jean Migdal at Palm Springs," where Cardin inaugurated his first Hotel Maxim's last spring, "and we hit it off again. So when he invited me to the first cruise, I accepted."

The Maxim's des Mers is a Cardin franchise of which Migdal, a former public relations person for the Maxim Group, is the director. The boat, which used to be a U.S. minisubmarine, was bought by the Brazilian millionaire Francisco (Baby) Figueras in 1961 for his then-wife, Ina von Furstenberg. But the marriage collapsed before she had a chance to use it. Migdal said he found several investors, including some Swiss banks, to put up

\$28 million to finance and redecorate the boat. He said Maxim's des Mers was fully occupied for its first cruise, but with 60 people on board.

On Saturday, Cardin took a few photographers to Toulon to pose for a few pictures and decided to have the boat christened by Vénique Monroque, the wife of Yves Monroque, the well-known French television newscaster.

Monte Carlo otherwise seemed very deserted and, according to an article in *La Gazette*, the local magazine, the hotels have registered a serious drop in American clientele.

Karl L. Vans, manager of the Hotel de Paris, said in a telephone interview that the hotel had lost about one-third of its American clientele through cancellations. Since Americans accounted for 30 percent of the clientele last year, that represents about 10 percent of total bookings. "But these 10 percent are regulars and so-called incentive trips," he said. "Our prime clientele has not been affected."

But Vans added that "we won't be able to replace this 10 percent because Europeans, too, are having problems. Not terrorism, but economic problems."

Dario dell'Antonia, an official of the Société des Bains de Mer, which operates the major hotels and tourist facilities in Monte Carlo, said that Americans represent 25 percent of its total clientele, and confirmed that there were lots of cancellations of incentive trips. "Because no one wanted to take the responsibility."

"April was particularly bad," he said, with cancellations of 25 percent of total bookings. "But our New York office tells us that they are requests again. May, which I expected to be so-so, was quite good, and we foresee a very good June."

Dell'Antonia also pointed out that a weaker dollar did not help. "Last year was exceptional," he said. "This year, because of the absence of Americans, the drop will be more than 15 percent in the general tourist picture. But our habits are still coming."

As for the rest of the French

Riviera, dell'Antonia said he attended a meeting last week of an association grouping 17 deluxe hotels, including La Réserve and the Métropole at Beaulieu, the Voile d'Or at Villefranche, the Hotel du Cap at Antibes, the Majestic and the Martinez at Cannes and the Byblos at Saint-Tropez.

"The general feeling is that the drop will be felt in middle-class tourism, but the deluxe travelers have not canceled, maybe on a position of wait-and-see."

The manager of the Byblos in Saint-Tropez whose clientele is 30 to 60 percent American, was reportedly not worried. "They're fully booked," dell'Antonia said, "but not overbooked." Same story at the Majestic and the Martinez.

This association is trying to cope by reaching out for the European market and "we're going to push the Europeans a little more," dell'Antonia said.

The yacht clientele is definitely shot, dell'Antonia also said. "We're getting the same amount of requests as last year when there were lots of people cruising in the Mediterranean," he said, "but the yachts are not coming."

From his Moulin de Mougins, a temple of French cuisine and a favorite stop for Americans, Roger Vergé said: "There are no modifications, a few cancellations and I believe I will have less Americans than last year. But we have a lot of Europeans. For the time being, the summer does not look too bad. I know that groups have canceled, but this does not affect us because it's not our clientele."

At the Louvre's hotel which was conceived by Americans for Americans, there were no Americans around over the weekend except for those who came for the Cardin party. A spokesman said that while the American clientele accounted for more than half of the bookings last summer, there were virtually no American bookings for this summer.

But Esther Williams was not afraid. "I won't let these people intimidate me," she said. "I've been scared, I wouldn't have done anything in my life. I wouldn't have become a movie star."



Pierre Cardin with friend and staff at bar of docked Maxim's des Mers.

The Tuxedo Turns 100, Just in Time for a Well-Dressed Black-Tie Comeback

By Lisa Bellan

NEW YORK — Robert Beatty thinks it is fortunate that Grigoriyev did not invent the tuxedo when he did.

It has been 100 years since Lord's Localland invented the tuxedo in Park, New York, shoddy society by wearing a jacket without tails to a formal dinner. Beatty, president of the American Formalwear Association,

intends to commemorate that, which started a \$600-million industry.

Had the century fallen a few years ago, he says, the festivities would have been subdued; the tuxedo had fallen out of favor. But this year, renters and retailers are in the mood for a party.

The timing is perfect for the industry, said Beatty, chairman of Michael's Formal Wear, based in Atlanta, which plans to open its 100th store this year. "We couldn't have planned it better."

Late March of the fashion industry, the tuxedo business is a reflection of a nation's mood. "What we're seeing is a return to elegance," said Beatty, president of the American Formalwear Association.

The tuxedo "virtually disappeared" in the late 1960s and early '70s, according to Harvey Weinstein, president of Lord West, another big manufacturer.

The industry gave a collective cringe when Jimmy Carter brought informality to the White House, and a smile of relief when Ronald and Nancy Reagan brought an emphasis on elegance.

"I don't believe that Reagan sets the trend so much as typifies it," said Joe Gungas of Gungas Formalwear, which, with 225 stores, is the largest retailer in the country. "Everywhere things are more formal, not just the White House."

Between 75 and 80 percent of all rentals are for weddings, Weinstein

said. "Ten years ago we were lucky if 50 percent of first-time groomsmen wore one." Today 85 percent of first-time grooms wear tuxedos.

The next largest rental category is proms, which have also made a comeback. More social and less formal events are black-tie as well. "Charities love it," Filippelli said.

"If you put black tie on the invitation it creates a special aura and you can justify \$200 for the ticket."

The jump in the number of formal events creates a spiral, Weinstein said. "Because they use a tuxedo so often, they buy instead of rent," he added. "Once he owns one, he welcomes the opportunity to wear one."

Just as the attitude toward formal wear has changed over the last decade, so has the nature of the formal wear itself.

"We have gone through the fast periods, responding to consumer demand," Weinstein said. He remembers the Neiman styles and the formal tuxedo look. There were the days of the red tuxedo, and there were the years when those grooms who did wear tuxedos wore pastel shades. "I think that when the people who were married in those outfits look at the pictures they wince," Gungas said.

"Fortunately, good taste prevailed, as it always does," Weinstein said. "We're into a very restrained, traditional era."

That does not mean, however,

that the world of the tuxedo is without controversy. A muted debate goes on over whether Grigoriyev did in fact create the look that carries the name of Tuxedo Park, where he spent summers. Some believe that the honor really belongs to Edward VII, who ordered the tails cut off his jacket during a visit to India because of the heat.

There are also arguments over how to wear the bow tie. Can it be factory-tied? Does it stick inside or outside a wing collar?

The traditional cut is "too uptight," said Will Smith, who is designing the attire that Edwin Schlossberg and his ushers will wear when Schlossberg marries

Caroline Kennedy this summer. Smith plans single-breasted suits that are "formal yet easygoing." And there will probably be no bow tie on the groom. Smith thinks such ties are "silly looking and pompous," and he may supply a long tie instead.

Smith has not yet decided what he will wear to the black-tie dinner that the association will hold this fall in tribute to the tuxedo. The organization tried to reserve the Tuxedo Club, where Lordland first showed his creation, but they were turned away.

"It is a very exclusive place," Filippelli explained. "It always has been."

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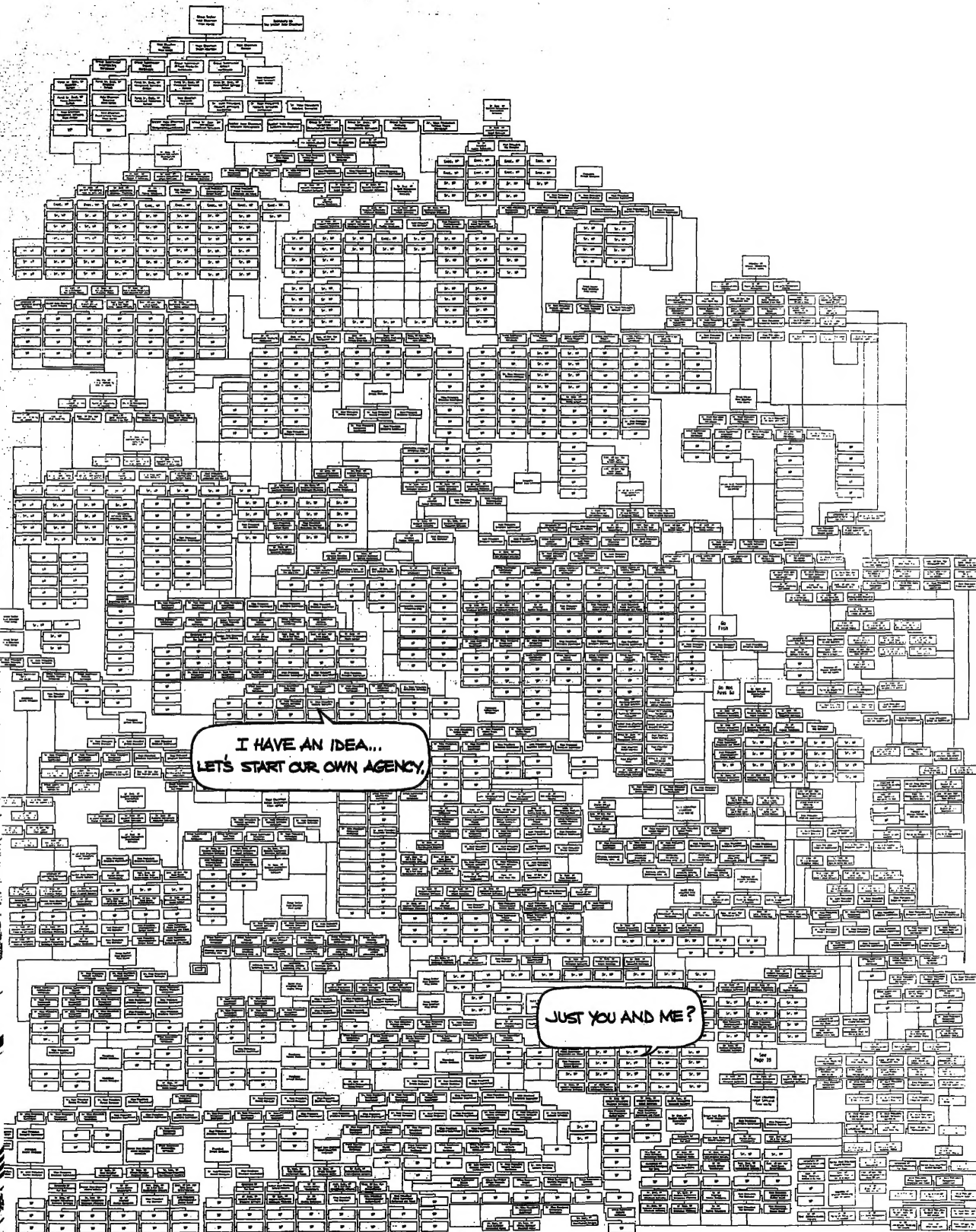
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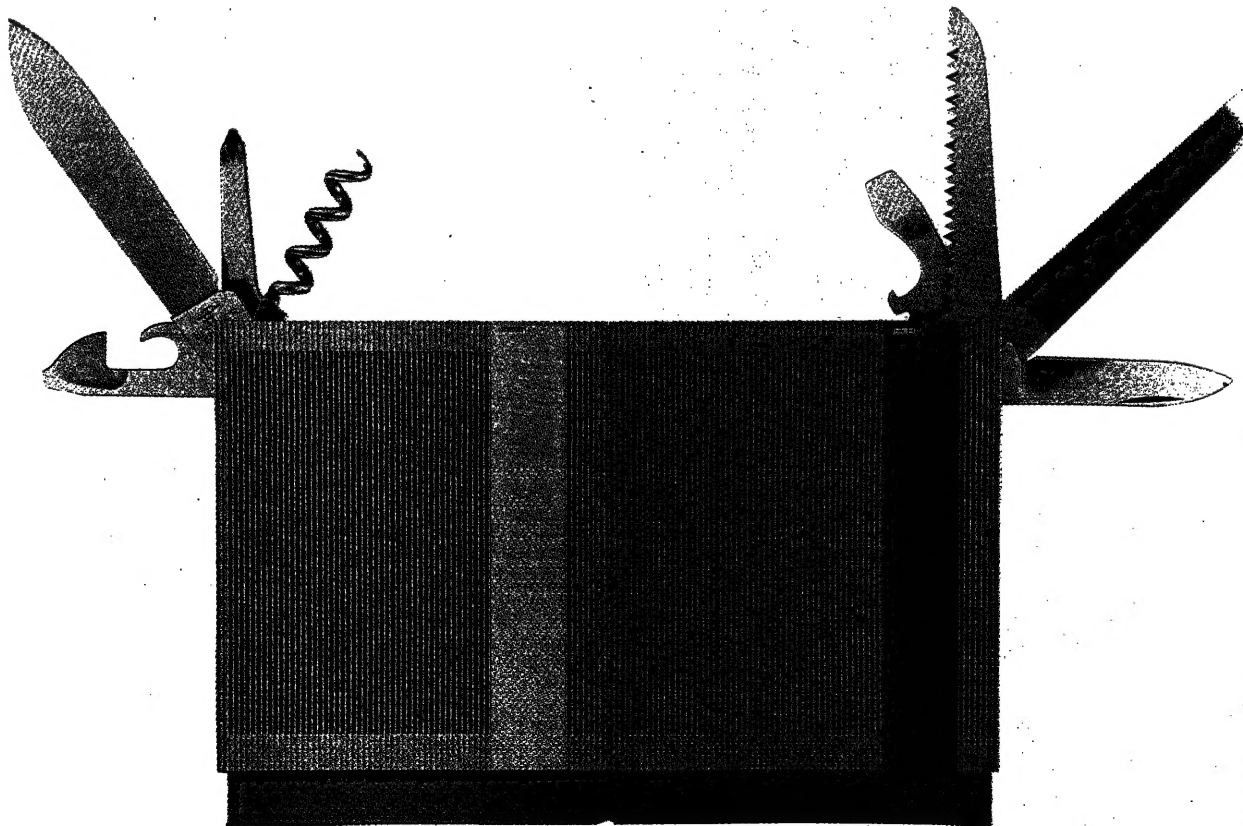
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Much of the success of Mr. Friere's holdings is due to his investment in the *Compagnie Minière du Katanga*, a longtime friend and former director general of Paribas Bank in Paris. The two men met in 1952. The two men are co-managing directors of Pagine, and Mr. Ekman is credited with having been the driving force behind the group's financial restructuring.

It was undoubtedly more of a financial move, "Mr. Ekman said. "All of my life has been in financial markets. I have been in the commodity trading system 'may look funny, but it does work.' He added, "We talk together in the morning, and we talk together in the afternoon."

The attention-getting aspect of Mr. Friere's current activity is his role in the *Compagnie Minière du Katanga*, a Luxembourg-based holding company, which runs the massive Radioactive Waste Management Project last year to place brass broadcasting rights in France. In a highly controversial move, the company has initially agreed to give CLT the broadcasting rights, but then has agreed to transfer the rights to no Italian company, for two reasons, says, because of Mr. Friere's role in spinning away Paribas' losses.

Mr. Friere's ties to Mr. Murdoch thus are a tantalizing hint of future developments in the international, the joint company established by the two men, serves as a vehicle for the company's research into the opportunities for cooperation. The role of GBL "is to provide the necessary legal support," Friere said. "The alliance means that CLT will have available the support, the counsel and the

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Dollar Ends Little Changed In Quiet Holiday Trading

They added that the market was unlikely to pick up later in the week. Thursday is a holiday in several centers, including parts of West Germany, as well as the first day of the International Forestry Club meeting in Dublin.

In Zurich, the dollar slipped to 1.8905 Swiss francs at the close from 1.8945 there on Friday. In Tokyo, too, trading was thin and uneventful because of the market holidays and the approach of

A small amount of exporter selling put a lid on the dollar's recovery of the last two weeks, but operators held back from resuming speculative selling in view of the Bank of Japan's persistent intervention.

Dealers said the market reacted little to the likelihood of elections in both houses of the Diet, Japan's parliament, in the next month or so, though they said the possibility

Speculative operators, apparently satisfied with the dollar's 10-year recovery in the past two weeks, are

Hong Kong dealers cited a general market belief that international monetary authorities want the dollar to stabilize. (Reuters, IHT)

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